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The object of this specification relates to a mounting rail for panels that are not connected directly to each other but with the help of bridges 9.

According to Fig. 3 a mounting rail 1 is planned, on which holding claws 6 are arranged in appropriate distances. Additionally further holding claws 4 punched out of the mounting rail 1 as well and connected via an elastic, compressable tongue 14 with the mounting rail 1 are planned in corresponding distances.

The panels only have grooves 7 which legs interact with the holding claws 4 or 6. As shown in Fig. 4 a panel 2 is connected with one bridge of the groove 7 firstly to holding claw 4, which is elastically mounted on the mounting rail 1, and secondly the leg of the groove 7 formed on the opposite periphery is introduced into holding claw 6. Subsequently a batten shaped part 9 is introduced into the groove 7, which covers the holding claws 5 and 6 and which causes the holding spring 4 not to push away the panel 2 from the mounting rail 1. The batten 9 is taken in from the groove 7 of the panel 2 to be adjoined, which panel 2 is fixed by a holding claw 6 as well.

The mounting rails described in this specification are not comparable to the claws of the invention, having entirely different characteristics and a different mode of action.

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The object of this Specification relates to a holding device for panels with grooves.

For this a holding claw 2 is connected to a wooden surface or a batten 1 respectively with bends 11 formed in the basic element 6 interacting with corresponding supporting surfaces and recesses respectively. Furthermore the claw 2 attached to the surface 1 has holding elements 9 and 161 for panels designated to form a cladding.

The claw 2 attached to the basis surface 1 has no elastically adjustable clawpart that presses a panel in the direction of another panel designated to be adjoined at all. Especially Fig. 4 and 5 are referred to, clearly showing that the claws 2 used here serve the purpose to keep panels 12a, 12b arranged on the surface 1 in position with a protruding part of the claw 2 encompassing one leg 13 of a groove 15 formed on one of the peripheral sides of the panels 12a.

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The object of this specification relates to a wall cladding.

In this specification a cladding element 6 is attached to a basis or rail 14 respectively installable on a wall. Therefore on the basis 14 holding arms 16 and 17 positionable next to the faces 9 and 12 of the flat cladding element 6 are punched out. The holding arm 16 is set at an angle and adapted to the sloping face; after laying of the cladding element 6 the second holding arm 17 is bent and therefore positioned next to the sloping face 12.

There are no relations to the present application whatsoever; a claw with an elastic holding device with which a part can be pressed onto another part does not exist.